

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

RUNNERS LOSE TIME

How Much Two-Fifths of a Second Affects Safe Hitting.

Pitcher Ed Reulbach Tells of Batman Who Failed to Beat Out Hit by Turning to See How Short-stop Was Fielding Ball.

In the Baseball Magazine Ed Reulbach has an article disclosing how much two-fifths of a second affects safe hitting. We quote in part from his magazine story.

"Out," yelled the umpire. The base runner ran hard. He dug his spikes into the ground and hurried himself at the bag. But the ball beat him out in the race by perhaps one-fifth of a second.

The infielders tighten their belts, clap their hands to their gloves and call to one another. "That's the boy—get the next one now." They are on their toes, alert, spirited, eager. The base runner, mopping his face, ambles back to the dugout and takes his place dejectedly on the bench. Perhaps someone asks him why he didn't beat the ball. He answers curtly that he ran his best. There is a general feeling that he did run hard under the circumstances, and interest speedily circulates in the next play.

That play is repeated at least ten times in an average game, but before we dismiss it let's see just what happened. The batter had hit the ball



Ed Reulbach.

rather sharply to deep short field. The shortstop had to sprint several feet to his right in order to stop the ball. Then he had to recover his balance and set himself for a long, hard throw. All this took time and although the ball went straight and true into the first baseman's mitt, it took a large fraction of a second to travel across that intervening space. The batter made a quick getaway from the plate. Half the success of beating a throw is in getting a good start. He was a reasonably fast man and he ran well. But he knew when he hit the ball that he had no time to spare. He was curious to see if the shortstop fielded the ball clean and just what were his chances of beating out the throw. This curiosity led him to cast one look out across the diamond to where the shortstop was trying to field the ball, and although he did not cease running, in that one look, he involuntarily slackened his speed. How much time did he lose? Probably at least two-fifths of a second, and that robbed him of a hit and perhaps robbed his teammates of the victory.

FEW SHORT BASEBALL GAMES

Pastimes of Nine Full Innings Played in Less Than an Hour Are Scarce—Some Instances.

Nine-inning pastimes pulled off in less than an hour are rather rare, but not quite so scarce as hen's molars. The first game of this kind was pulled off in Dayton, O., 32 years ago, when Dayton and Ironton hustled through a regulation contest in 47 minutes. That was considered a very remarkable performance, and would be yet, for that matter, although the game is must faster now than it was in 1884.

In the early days of baseball—the era of big scores—it was by no means unusual for a pastime to drag out through three or four hours. The classic of that kind was staged at Carrollton, Ky., in 1898, when a game commenced at ten in the morning was called on account of darkness in the late evening, with only seven innings played!

San Francisco and Oakland equaled the Dayton record for brevity in 1903. In 1890 an American professional club touring Japan defeated a college nine in Tokyo in 40 minutes. The professional record was set up in Atlanta just six years ago, Mobile defeating the home club 2 to 1, in 32 minutes. Chapelle was in the box for the victors, and Griffin twirled for Atlanta. Mobile got six hits and Atlanta five. The score was tied in the ninth inning, when Mobile got over the winning run.

GREAT PITCHERS NEVER IN NO-HIT GAME



Walter Johnson and Grover Alexander, the greatest pitchers in baseball today, have never entered the select circle of no-hit game.

Eddie Plank, one of the greatest southpaws of all time, never pitched a no-hit game.

No-hit games are rare in the majors, and still it is surprising that pitchers of the caliber of Plank, Johnson and Alexander, with years of service, have never been able to go through nine innings without a safe tap being made off their delivery.

Plank has been pitching winning ball for 16 years and has pitched several low-hit games. Johnson has a number of one and two hit games to his credit, as has Alexander.

ALEX IN SELECT SET

Grover Cleveland Alexander now ranks among the highest-paid players and managers in baseball. He has compromised with the owners of the Phillies and signed for \$12,500 next season, which is \$2,500 less than he was holding out for. He is the highest-salaried pitcher in the National league, receiving the same amount as does Walter Johnson, the American league's star. The leaders, as to salary, are:

Tris Speaker, Cleveland, \$17,500

Ty Cobb, Detroit, 15,000

Eddie Collins, Chicago, 15,000

Walter Johnson, Wash'n., 12,500

Grover Alexander, Phils., 12,500

Johnny Evers, Boston, 10,000

UMPIRE IS MOST VERSATILE

Quigley of Tenor's Staff Makes Quick Switch From Baseball to Football at Season's End.

Ernest C. Quigley of President Tenor's staff of umpires is probably the most versatile sport official in the country. The Saturday after the close of the world's series the umpire made



Umpire Ernest C. Quigley.

a quick switch from baseball to football. The end of the football schedule brought no rest to Quigley, who then refereed some of the big basketball games in the middle West. Quigley has built up a big reputation as an official in these varied sports and is immensely popular.

NEVER LOST BASEBALL GAME

Gilmour Doble Holds Greatest Record Ever Established by Coach—Has Never Been Beaten.

Gilmour Doble, the University of Detroit's new coach, holds the greatest record ever established by a baseball mentor. His teams have played 57 games, winning 54 and tying three in a period covering 12 years. His first team, the Minneapolis High school, won four games in a season, all they played. The next two years he coached the North Dakota Aggies, played eight games and no team was able to score a point against Doble's eleven. In 1908 he went to Washington, where for nine seasons he tutored teams that never went down to defeat.

LABEL BARRY "LUCKY"

Has Been in More World's Series Than Any Other Player.

New Manager of Boston Red Sox Joined Athletics Just as Connie Mack Had About Completed His Great Playing Machine.

Jack Barry has frequently been called the "luckiest man in baseball." He has been in more world's series than any other player in the game. He joined the Athletics just as Mack had about completed his great machine that four times won the world's championship. Then when this wonderful aggregation was broken up and most of its stars were sent to other clubs Barry was fortunate enough to draw the Boston Red Sox successors to the Athletics in the matter of premier baseball honors of the universe.

Playing on six world's champion teams is enough to give any man the palm for luck, but Jack Barry's luck has not stopped there. Never before has a man made his managerial debut with prospects so bright as Barry's. His task is not to build up a machine; his team, acknowledged the best in the big leagues, is already built and running like clockwork.

Barry will be the only playing manager in the major leagues next season. Last year Bill Carrigan, Barry's predecessor, had the honor.

One by one the playing managers of other days have taken their places on



Manager Jack Barry.

the side lines out of the hustle and bustle of hostilities. Carrigan was the last of the old guard. He played up to the time of his retirement George Stallings, manager of the Boston Braves, hasn't donned a uniform in years. Pat Moran, leader of the Phils, wears his uniform, but confines his activities to the foul lines and players' bench. Others who adopt this policy are John McGraw of the Giants, Wilbert Robinson of the Dodgers, Miller Huggins of the Cardinals, Jimmy Callahan of the Pirates, Christy Mathewson of the Reds, and it is doubtful if Fred Mitchell will ever catch in a game again. Mitchell, however, is sure to wear his battle regalia and assist his club from the coaching lines.

In the American league all besides Barry are "bench managers." Clark once Royland again will lead the White Sox from the foul lines and dugout, as will Connie Mack of the Athletics, Bill Donovan of the Yankees, Fielder Jones of the Browns, Lee Fohl of the Cleveland Indians, Clark Griffith of the Nationals and Hughey Jennings of the Tigers.

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BILLY EVANS SOLVES BASEBALL PROBLEMS

(Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.)

Baseball rules are supposed to be uniform, yet the two major leagues differ on the interpretation of a rather peculiar play that comes up quite often. It happened several times in both major leagues last year. It deals with the accidental dropping of the ball by pitcher while in the act of delivering it to the plate.

In a game at St. Louis last year, with a man on first base, Ford of the New York team started to deliver the ball to the batter. In some way it got away from him, and instead of going up to the plate, fell a few feet in the rear of the pitcher's box. Turning around, Ford picked up the ball and attempted to retire the runner, who was stealing at second, but failed to do so by the scantest of margins.

Some time previous, a somewhat similar play came up in the National league. With men on first and third, a double steal was called for. As the pitcher started to deliver the ball both men started to advance. In going through his wind-up, the pitcher's arm accidentally struck his side and the ball dropped to the rear of the box. Immediately, the man on third dashed for the plate, but was thrown out by the pitcher, who recovered the ball.

The ruling on the two plays at the time they came up differed entirely. The American league has since changed its original ruling, but its present ruling differs as much as ever from the construction placed on the play by the National league. This is one play that the proposed rules committee could clear up.

Answer to Problem.

At the time the play came up in the American league, all the umpires regarded such happening as purely accidental and suspended play immediately, not allowing any bases to be run or men retired. In the play at St. Louis, the umpire simply sent the runner back to first and started everything over again.

A strict interpretation of the play makes the accidental happening a balk, but such a construction has never been favored by the American league. It has always been pointed out that such a way to win a game, by forcing a man home from third, was not to be desired. Hence, the making of the play a purely accidental feature. Last year, however, the American league decided that in the event of such a play the ball should be regarded as in play and base runners permitted to advance at their peril.

In the National league the play is regarded as a balk. In the National league play cited, the runner retired at the plate was allowed to score and the man on first granted second.

Both rulings are open to much argument.

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FED POST MORTEM

The Feds had a bum bunch of players, of course, but in the National league last year Hal Chase, ex-Fed, was champion batsman; Ed Konetchy, ex-Fed, led the first sackers in fielding, and also played in the largest number of games; Max Flack led in sacrifice hitting; Les Mann led the left fielders in fielding; Bill Rariden had more chances than any other backstop, and Benny Kauff made more errors than any other center fielder.

EYES AGAIN IN GOOD SHAPE

Vic Salier, Whose Sight Bothered Him Last Season, Says He Is Now as Well as Ever.

Vic Salier, first baseman of the Chicago Nationals, whose sight was thought to be failing him, has assured



Vic Salier.

President Weeghman of the Chicago club that his eyes have regained their normal strength after a winter's rest. Salier is a movie fan, and the theory was that he had damaged his eyes watching the flickering light on the screen and sitting up late reading. He avoided any strain whatever during the winter months, and now believes he is as good as ever.

OWNER PRAISES HIS PLAYERS

August Herrman, President of Cincinnati Nationals, Convinced He Has Winning Team.

August Herrman, president of the Cincinnati Nationals, is convinced that he at least has landed a winning ball team. "The players are working their heads off for Mathewson," said Herrman, after his return from Shreveport, La., his first visit of years to a training camp. "I like their spirit, for it is the stuff that holds a ball club into the first division.

BASEBALL STORIES

Only article that is cheaper now than it was two years ago is baseball ivory.

It isn't a livelier ball that is needed, but livelier players.

When it comes to taking punishment, the baseball fan has it on all other athletes.

Pitcher George Kahler is going to try a comeback with the Columbus association team.

Manager Bill Donovan of the Yankees announces he may carry ten pitchers this season.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, but baseball rehearsals are a sure enough harbinger of bats.

Now that they are making fighters out of ballplayers, what chance will the "white hopes" have?

Baseball clubs play about half their games among their friends, except the Reds, who haven't any friends.

The Yankees are trying to make soldiers out of their left-handers. They should make pitchers out of 'em first.

Catcher Sam Agnew, though offered for trade during the winter, is going to try hard to stick with the Red Sox.

Christy Mathewson has his eye on Dixie Carroll, a youthful outfielder trying for a position on the Shreveport team.

With Bender seemingly through and Chief Meyers slipping, poor Lo seems to be losing his grip on the national pastime.

New York fans are greatly surprised that Bill Donovan has sidetracked young Joe Gedeon to make room for Fritz Malsb.

Trainer Ed Laforce of the Pittsburgh Pirates is strong for tennis as the game to limber ball players in the spring camp.

Paul Des Jardien, a member of the Cleveland club's pitching staff near the close of last season, has decided to quit baseball.

Infielder Bill Louden, former Cub and later a Red, is now with John Gangel's Kansas City American association team.

Christy Mathewson needn't bother about shaking up the Reds. If he'll wait a little while the opposing clubs will turn the trick for him.

The Indianapolis Association club, in its search for a second baseman, has picked Leslie Callahan, who played with Wheeling in the Central league last year.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave.

Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg.

Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Cliff Dwellers, 516 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4440 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Engineers, 6235 Harvard avenue. Esquimaux Country, 5555 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 284 st. Germania Mannercher, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg. 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 88th street.

Rotary, 35 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 28 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 34th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1256 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 3246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

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